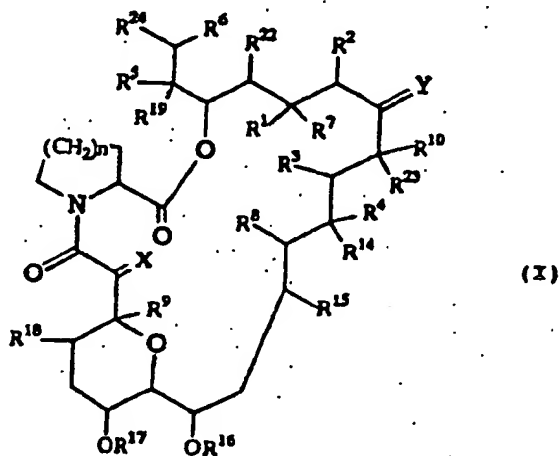


LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (canceled)

✓ ~~Claim 2~~ (previously presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the macrolide compound is a tricyclo compound (I) of the following formula



wherein

adjacent pairs of R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴, and R⁵ and R⁶ each independently

a) consist of two adjacent hydrogen atoms, wherein R² is optionally alkyl, or

b) form another bond between carbon atoms binding with the members of each pair;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

~~Claim 3~~ (previously presented): The method of claim ~~3~~ or claim ~~2~~, wherein said macrolide compound is FK506.

~~Claim 4~~ (currently amended): The method of claim ~~4~~, wherein said macrolide compound is administered in the form of a preparation suitable for ~~local administration to the eye as an eye drop.~~

Claim 5 (canceled)

~~Claim 6~~ (currently amended): A method for treating a dry eye, comprising administering ocular administration of an effective amount of a macrolide compound to a subject in need of the treatment of dry eye.

Claim 7 (canceled)

~~Claim 8~~ (previously presented): The method of claim ~~8~~, wherein said macrolide compound is administered in the form of a preparation suitable for local administration.